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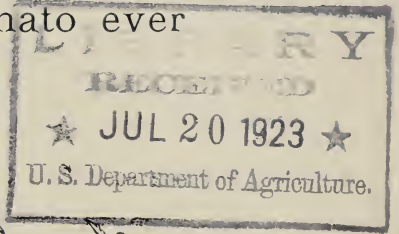
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...VICK'S...

Early Leader Tomato

...The Earliest, Most Productive,
and Best formed Tomato ever
introduced



Earlier than Ruby or Atlantic Prize, King of the Earlies,
and Advance.

James Vick's Sons, Seedsmen,
Rochester, N. Y.

IT IS a well-established fact that it is quite difficult to combine in any one fruit all the good qualities that go to make up completeness, such as earliness, size, quality, productiveness, and good form; at least it has been so with Tomatos, for while we have had a few “extra earlies” these varieties were lacking in some other requisite quality. For many seasons past we have been looking for a Tomato combining all of the above good qualities, with the object of establishing a stock that would prove a *leader* in its class. We believe we have at last secured these great and valuable desiderata in

Vick's Early Leader.

Mr. I. C. Wright, of Oswego County, N. Y., a well-known and up-to-date market gardener and the propagator of this excellent Tomato, first called our attention to this variety two years ago, and we were led to watch its course under his intelligent supervision, until after repeated visits the past season to his garden, we became fully satisfied that he had accomplished his desire in working up the “Leader” into

*The Earliest, Most Productive, Finest Quality,
and Best Formed Tomato in existence.*



We at once secured, at great expense, his entire stock and good will, and today have pleasure in offering it to the trade. The Leader grows in several clusters, upon a well supporting vine, showing from fourteen to nineteen large fruits, of rich crimson color; three clusters of ripe fruit have weighed 8 lbs. 2 ozs., at one picking. In previous seasons Mr. Wright has sold his entire crop in open market, receiving from 8 cts. to 10 cts. per pound, and "clearing up" his patch long before other varieties, such as Ruby, King of the Earlies, Advance, etc., have appeared.

We take pleasure in quoting the following from *Farm and Fireside*, of October 15, 1895:

"For some years we have used the Early Ruby, although we continually kept finding fault with it. It was early, anyway, and fairly good besides. This year I tried the EARLY LEADER, and also planted largely of the New Imperial. Both were recommended as extra early. In the former we have an early tomato indeed. It sets its fruit even earlier than the Ruby, and this in great clusters from the start. It reminded me somewhat of the King of the Earlies, but the fruit is much smoother and much better generally. As may be inferred from the appearance of a cross-section of one of the larger specimens, (shown in Fig. 1), the fruit is quite solid, and it is of good quality, too. I do not like the few large seed cavities as we find them in Early Advance, King of the Earlies, and other first early tomatoes. I want a larger number of them, but all small ones. The Early Leader, in short, is good enough, and it brings the early tomatoes. I shall plant more extensively of it another year, and more sparingly of later sorts."

Also this testimonial from a contributor in *American Gardening*, of August 24th, 1895:

"If we had planted a larger patch of the Early Leader, instead of one or two dozen plants, we would have been able to supply the whole neighborhood with tomatos at a time when they were in ready demand at fancy prices."

We offer seed to the trade for the first this season, all secured from the choicest clusters. Retail price to be 25 cts. per packet; half packets 15 cents.

Trade prices { *\$12.50 per hundred large size packets.*
\$100.00 per thousand large size packets.
\$7.50 per hundred half-size packets.
\$45.00 per thousand half-size packets.

Not less than 250 packets at 1000 rates.

Electros as shown, furnished free with every order for 100 packets or more.

JAMES VICK'S SONS, SEEDSMEN,

October 15, 1895.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.